THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The World Bank has cancelled the undrawn balance amounting to US $ 165.541 million with effect from 29-3-1993. Exact amount required in Indian Rupees has not yet been worked out. The modalities of making the funds available for Sardar Sarovar Project including the method of distribution will be discussed in a meeting being fixed shortly by the Union Ministry of Finance.

(e) No, Sir.

Irrigation Projects in Madhaya Pradesh

227. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of major and medium ongoing projects in Madhya Pradesh alongwith their projected capacities as on date, district-wise;

(b) what is the present status and the amount spent thereon so far; and

(c) by when these projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) An Annexure giving the details of ongoing Major and Medum Irrigation Projects in Madhya Pradesh is attached. [*See* Appendix CLXIX, Annexure No. 13.]

Solution of Cauvery Dispute Between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu

228. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fresh steps have been taken by the Central Government to solve the Cauvery dispute between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu; if so the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) The Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal was constituted by Government of India on June 2, 1990 to adjudicate the water dispute regarding inter-State river Cauvery and the river valley thereof. The Tribunal passed an order on June 25, 1991 directing the State of Karnataka to ensure release of 205 TMC ft. of water into Mettur reservoir of Tamil Nadu with monthly and weekly stipulations and to restrict the area of irrigation in Karnataka portion of Cauvery basin up to 11.2 lakh acres. Also, the State of Tamil Nadu is required to release 6 TMC ft. of Cauvery water for Karaikal region of Pondicherry.

In its order, the Tribunal has stated that the Order remains operative till the final adjudication of the dispute, referred to the Tribunal.

The Order was published in the Official Gazette on December, 10, 1991 after seeking opinion of the Supreme Court, so that it becomes binding on basin States.

Subsequently, on April 3, 1992 while disposing off Civil Miscellaneous Petition No. 15 of 1991 filed by the State of Karnataka, the Tribunal clarified in its order that in case there is any change of circumstance of undue hardship is caused, in a particular year to any party, such party can approach the Tribunal for Appropriate orders.

Linkage of Rivers in North and South

229. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have revived the plan for linkage of rivers in the North and South to ease the water problem in the South and the flood problem in the North;

(b) if so, what is the present stage of the proposal;